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Group Art Unit : 3617
Class/Sub-Class : 440-061000
Examiner : Jesus D. Sotelo

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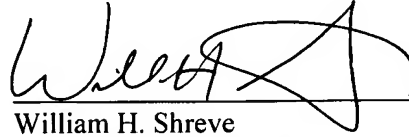
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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on December 17, 2004.

REMARKS

Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner essentially recites independent Claim 30 in providing reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that not all the claims include the limitations identified by the Examiner. For example, independent Claims 1, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31 and dependent Claims 2-22, 25, 28 and 29 each recites different combinations of features and elements, and each claim is patentable. To the extent that the Examiner's recitation of the allowable subject matter deviates from the language of the allowed claims, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the reasons for allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant notes that in the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner indicated that Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 19, 2003, had been considered. The

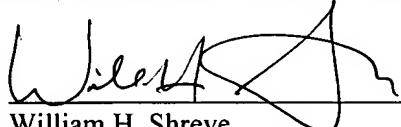
Examiner initialed all the references submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement except for the first and the last references. While the Examiner did not initial these two references, the Examiner did not line the references out. The first reference is a U.S. patent and the last is a foreign patent. The Applicant has confirmed through PAIR that the foreign patent, with its English abstract, is of record and on file with the application. Accordingly, Applicant assumes that the two references were considered by the Examiner but that the Examiner apparently forgot to initial the references. Applicant requests that the two references be placed on the face of the issued patent with the other prior art considered and made of record. If the foregoing request is not sufficient for inclusion of the two references, Applicant respectfully requests a Supplemental Notice of Allowance correcting the situation.

If any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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